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SUBJECT: SADAT'S SPEECH, OCTOBER 16, 1973

IN SPEECH OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR'S LENGTH DELIVERED TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND EGYPTIAN NATION, SADAT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. HIS SUBJECT WAS WAR AND PEACE. REGARDING WAR, SADAT SAID EGYPT DID NOT WANT TO BOAST IN THIS HOUR OF VICTORY. HE HAD FULFILLED THE PROMISE HE MADE THREE YEARS AGO. HE PRAISED SACRIFICE OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, LAUDED AND REBUILDING OF ARMED FORCES SINCE 1967 DEFEAT, AND SAID THAT EGYPT HAD RESTORED ITS HONOR. THIS SECTION OF SPEECH WAS IN GENERALITIES, AND ESSENTIALLY A LEAD INTO SECOND PART OF ADDRESS.

2. PEACE. SADAT STATED EGYPT WANTED PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE. THIS WAS ONLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR PEACE. PEACE
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DOES NOT CALL FOR ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL AS ISRAEL CLAIMS.
SADAT SAID EGYPT WAS EXERTING POLICY OF RESTRAINT; BUT,
"DEPTH CAN BE MET WITH DEPTH"--AND EGYPTIAN GROUND-TO-GROUND
"ZAFER" MISSILES WERE ON THEIR BASES PREPARED TO BE
LAUNCHED AGAINST ISRAEL SHOULD ISRAELIS STRIKE AT EGYPT IN
DEPTH.

3. SADAT SAID EGYPTIAN POSITION WAS TO RESTORE LAND
OCCUPIED AFTER JUNE 1967 AND TO FIND MEANS TO ATTAIN
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. EGYPT DOES NOT DEVIATE
FROM VALUES OF UN CHARTER--IF ANYTHING, EGYPT'S WAR IS
CONTINUATION OF WAR AGAINST FASCISM. "WE ARE NOT WAR
ADVENTURERS, BUT WE ARE CALLERS FOR PEACE."

4. SADAT TURNED TO US. HE SAID HE HAD HOPED US WOULD
COME TO ITS SENSES AFTER BEING SURPRISED BY OUTBREAK OF
HOSTILITIES. US HAS NOT DONE SO, HOWEVER. SHE CALLED FOR
CEASEFIRE AND EGYPTIAN WITHDRAWAL. NOW SHE HAS ESTABLISHED
AIR BRIDGE FOR ARMAMENTS TO ISRAEL. US IS NOW INVOLVING
HERSELF IN SOMETHING VERY DANGEROUS AND HASTENS TO FEED
ARSENALS OF THE AGGRESSORS WITH NEW AIRPLANES, TANKS AND
ELECTRICAL DEVICES. SADAT SAID EGYPT WOULD NOT BE TERRIFIED
BY THIS. EGYPT WANTED TO KNOW WHERE US IS HEADING, WHY
US PROCEEDS AS IT DOES WHEN ITS INTERESTS ARE IN ARAB
WORLD AND NOT IN ISRAEL. HE THEN READ OPEN MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT NIXON (REPORTED SEPTEL).

5. SADAT NOTED TOWARD END OF SPEECH THAT EGYPT HAD NEW
WEAPON WITH WHICH TO FACE THE ENEMY.
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